in Delhi was sufficient only for meeting the requirements of PDS/RPDs etc. As such, the buyers from Delhi were directed to lift their allotment from Haryana depots.

(d) and (e). Yes Sir. A few suggestions/requests like release of sufficient stocks of wheat from open sale in Delhi and supply of wheat to the traders from the godowns in Delhi wre received.

(f) Keeping in view the festival season, FCI has allotted a quantity of 20,000 tonnes wheat for sale under open market sale scheme in Delhi during November, 96, out of which 15,000 tonnes of wheat is to be released from the local godowns of Delhi.

[English]

Polyester Staple Fibre

1618. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of of polyester staple fibre and viscose staple fibre being produced monthly in India;

(b) whether there has been growing demand to allow the import of viscose staple fibre to bring the price of imported fibre at par with that of the indigenous one;

(c) the details of the manufacturers of viscose staple fibre is the country;

(d) whether the prices of dyed viscose fibre have increased recently; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) The average monthly production of Polyester Staple Fibre (PSF) and Viscose Staple Fibre (VSF) during the year 1995-96 and 1996-97 (April - September) is given below :-

(in tonnes)

	1995-96	1996-97 (April - Sept.)
PSF	19,281	22,054
VSF	16,195	13,673

(b) The import of VSF is allowed under OGL.

(c) There are two manufacturers of VSF in the country namely, Grasim Industry Limited and South India Viscose Limited with an installed capacity of 1,79,450 tonnes and 33,950 tonnes respectively.

(d) No increase in the price of Viscose fire and dyed Viscose Fibre has been reported since April, 1995.

(e) Does not arise.

Bangladeshis in N.E. Region

1619. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Bangladeshis settled in the seven North-East States during the last three years;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to have a close watch on the movement of Bangladeshis across the border; and

(c) the action taken by the Government for deportation of the Bangladeshis from the country and the number of Bangladeshis deported so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) It is difficult to estimate the exact number of infiltrators from Bangladesh because they enter surreptitiously and are able to mingle easily with the local population due to ethnic and linguistic similarities.

(b) and (c). A series of measures have been taken by the Government to curb the problem of infiltration of Bangladeshi nationals into India. These measures include raising of additional battalions of Border Security Force, reduction of gaps between the border outposts, intensification of patrolling both on the land and the riverine border, accelerated programme of construction of border roads and fencing, increase in the number of outpost towers, provision of surveillance equipments etc. The matter has also been taken up with the Government of Bangladesh on various occasions. The progress of these measures is reviewed regularly at various levels. The number of Bangladeshi national deported by the Border Security Force during the last three years is as below :

1994	22,110
1995	12,486
1996 (Upto October)	8,216

Setting up of Commercial Zone by Pakistan

1620. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that Pakistan is setting up commercial zone around Nagarparkar, Birwaha and Badin just opposite the Kutch border;

(b) the likely consequences of the said step of Pakistan; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to improve patrolling in the said areas and to protect the interest of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Sir. As per available information, Pakistan has